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Gill Newsletter

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Town Hall News

Annual Town Meeting

This year's Annual Town Meeting was a one-night affair, with 69 voters gathering on June 11 and conducting all of the business in just over two hours. Among the highlights:

- Appropriated \$50,000 to repave the driveway, lower parking lot, and bus turnaround (basketball court) at the Gill Elementary School. Concerns were raised about the overall width of the parking lot and size of its spaces, and this will be researched further before the work proceeds.
- Approved a 1.7% COLA increase to all employees (the same increase given to Social Security recipients in 2013).
- Unanimously approved the assessment for the Gill-Montague Regional School District.
- Approved the funds to remain as a member town in the Cooperative Public Health Service, which provides a Public Health Nurse and a Health Agent for the Town and its residents.
- Defeated an article to provide an operating budget for the Recreation Committee. See the related story later in this newsletter.
- Approved spending up to \$155,000 to purchase a new highway truck with a sander and plow. The pur-

chase is contingent on passage of a Proposition 2 ½ debt exclusion referendum—a ballot election to be held on Tuesday, September 10.

- Placed a total of \$116,302.95 into the Town's three Stabilization Funds (Capital, Education, and General).

Thanks again to each and every person who attended the Town Meeting and participated in the governance of Gill.

Highway Truck Replacement

As mentioned above, voters approved \$155,000 to replace the oldest of the Town's three large dump trucks—a 1990 Ford that has over 8,000 hours of operation. Before the new truck can be purchased, however, there must be a second vote at a town-wide election scheduled for Tuesday, September 10 from Noon to 8 PM at the Fire Station.

The most recent truck was purchased in 2008, and the 5-year loan will be paid off this October. If the ballot question is approved on September 10, the new truck will be purchased and



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the first payment will not be due until the following year. Using an estimated interest rate of 2%, the truck would add approximately 23 cents to the tax rate (currently \$15.34/thousand), and cost the average single-family homeowner \$46.30 per year for five years.

However, when the payoff of the current truck loan is factored in, the net increase to the tax rate will be approximately 3 ½-cents, and \$6.85 of additional property taxes for the average single-family home.

One last note—because of state law governing this type of ballot question, the dollar amount does not appear on the ballot. Voters are asked “Shall the Town of Gill be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued in order to purchase a dump truck with sander and plow and related accessories for the Highway Department?” A simple majority vote (50% plus 1) is needed for the question to pass.

Recreation Committee Revival?

Can you help revive Gill’s Recreation Committee and bring back the fun-focused family events and sports programs?

The Rec. Committee currently only has one member, which is nowhere near enough to plan and organize programs for Gill’s chil-

dren and residents. While the mission is fun, a lot of hard work is needed to make events happen.

In an effort to highlight the need for new members, the Rec Committee’s usual \$3,000 operating budget for the next fiscal year was discussed at Town Meeting separate from all of the other department budgets. It is an amount that Town leaders and voters would willingly support if only there was a committee to spend it! While there were many supportive comments about the importance of recreational programs, no volunteers came forward, and the budget was defeated.

Even with the defeat of the \$3,000 budget, there still are funds available to revive the recreational programs if a new committee is formed. The Recreation Revolving Fund has several thousand dollars in it, which is enough for the proverbial phoenix to rise from the ashes! Perhaps it is your turn. If you are interested in becoming involved with the Rec. Committee, please contact Nathan Duda (522-3209). You can also contact Ray Purington at the Town Hall.

New Roof on Town Hall

The roof replacement project at the Town Hall was completed on May 31. RCI Roofing, an Easthampton company, did the work in just over three weeks, and on budget for \$52,780. Be sure

to admire the new metal roof and freshly painted belfry the next time you pass by.

In other building news, Ed Ambo from Gill’s Highway Department has removed the roof structure over the Library’s cellar entry, and replaced it with a metal bulkhead. The next step is to repair the rotted wood on the window frame directly above. Snow accumulation on the little roof was the cause of the rot, and the bulkhead should eliminate that problem.

Housing Rehabilitation Program—Funding Available!

The Franklin County Regional Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA) is administering the FY 2012 Erving, Colrain, Deerfield & Gill Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Housing Rehabilitation Program and the Gill Housing Rehab Revolving Loan Program. Currently funding is available for Gill residents.

Homeowners of owner-occupied single and multi-family homes could be eligible for 0%, Deferred Payment Loans (DPL) whereby 50% of the DPL will be repaid upon sale or transfer of the property and 1/15th of the remaining 50% of the DPL will be forgiven each full year after the date of closing.

Eligibility of homeowners is determined by family size and annual gross income.



For more information, please contact Debra E. Little at the HRA, located at 42 Canal Road, Turners Falls, MA 01376. Her telephone number is (413) 863-9781 ext. 121, and her email address is dlittle@fcrhra.org. All inquiries are confidential.

Committee Openings

A number of Gill's boards, committees, and commissions have openings and need volunteers to help round out their memberships. If you are interested in serving on any of the following, please contact Ray Purington, Administrative Assistant, 413-863-9347 or administrator@gillmass.org.

- Agricultural Commission
- Cable Advisory Committee
- Conservation Commission
- Cultural Council
- Energy Commission
- Recreation Committee
- Zoning Board of Appeals

Household Hazardous Waste Collection

Save the date! The Franklin County Solid Waste Management District is holding its annual hazardous waste collection on **Saturday, September 21**, concurrently at the GCC Main Campus and the Orange Transfer Station.

This collection provides residents an opportunity to dispose of hazardous items such as leftover oil-based paints, stains, thinners,

household cleaners, pesticides, pool chemicals, motor oil, anti-freeze, fluorescent lamps, automobile batteries, and other household chemicals. For a complete list of acceptable items, please see www.franklincountywastedistrict.org/hazwasteday.html.

To participate, residents must pre-register by September 13. Starting in mid-late August, registration forms will be available in local newspapers, at town offices, transfer stations, and at: www.franklincountywastedistrict.org. After registration is processed, your appointment time and directions will be mailed to you. There is a fee for Gill residents to participate in this collection event.

Recycling Bins

Thanks to a Massachusetts DEP Sustainability Grant, a limited number of blue recycling bins are available free of charge at the Town Hall. There is a limit of one per household, and the bins may be picked up during regular hours of operation, Monday 9-6:30 and Tuesday—Thursday 9-4:30.

“Clean Sweep” Bulky Waste Collection

The fall “Clean Sweep” bulky waste collection is being held on Saturday, October 19, from 9 AM to 12 noon. The three drop-off sites are: the Buckland Recreation Facility on Rt. 112 South, the

Northfield Highway Garage, and the Whately Transfer Station.

Residents may bring a wide range of bulky items such as tires, appliances, scrap metal, furniture, mattresses, carpeting, construction debris, computers, monitors, televisions, propane gas tanks, and other bulky items. Materials will be recycled whenever possible.

Residents do not need to pre-register for the bulky waste collection. However, there are charges for disposal. Disposal fees, in cash only, will be collected at each site. A complete list of prices for the most common items will be available at town halls, town transfer stations, the District office at 50 Miles Street in Greenfield, and online at: www.franklincountywastedistrict.org/cleansweep.html. Businesses may participate.

Massachusetts ParksPass

With summer vacation season now upon us, here is a reminder that the Town is again participating in the Department of Conservation and Recreation's ParksPass program. The ParksPass is a hanging tag that entitles the bearer to free parking for one vehicle at over 50 facilities in the Massachusetts state parks system that charge a day-use parking fee. The ParksPass may be signed out from the Slate Memorial Library.

*Ray Purington,
Administrator Assistant*



Friends of Gill

The Friends of Gill will be serving strawberry shortcake, brownies, and cookies at all of the Concerts on the Gill Common for the months of June, July, and August. Flyers for the series may be picked up at the Town Hall. Information is available on the Gill Website and in this newsletter (see *below*).

The Friends of Gill has recently been approved to have a booth at the Turners Falls Pumpkin Festival in October. We will be serving our famous homemade apple pies. We will be selling them by the piece or the whole pie. This is a new venture for us, so please stop by to see us.

Energy Commission

Some exciting things are going on in Gill these days. Since Gill qualified as a Green Community, we have received a grant to weatherize and improve the building envelope and heating systems in some of our town buildings.

The Gill Energy Commission is in the middle of a campaign to engage residents in saving money and energy. Perhaps you have seen our signs “Reduce Energy Use 13% in 2013”. We expect to conduct a few energy saving workshops this fall on Winserts and Solar Thermal Heating. Check the Town website www.gillmass.org or this newsletter for a schedule.

Claire Chang, chair of the Energy Commission, and owner of the Solar Store of Greenfield, came to a Selectboard meeting in June to speak about “Community Shared Solar”. There is an opportunity to engage in a project this or next year that could put the Marimonte property to good use.

If you would like to know more, you can access a video of the meeting and Claire’s explanation on Ch 17, Montague Community TV.

Pam Lester, Janet Masucci, Claire Chang, and Tupper Brown—the members of the Energy group welcome conversation with you.

Cable and Video Access to Meetings

Did you know that Selectboard meetings as well as the Annual Town Meetings are public meetings? Consequently, we are required to keep a public record of them. For some time, we have been making videos and televising them on MCTV. No cable access? Can’t watch it when it’s televised? NO PROBLEM! Go to the MCTV website and catch it on Vimeo! vimeo.com/mctvchannel17

Enjoy getting up to date on what is happening in your town in the comfort of your home, or if you do not have internet service, you will find it available at Slate Library.

Common People Concerts 2013

June 18	The Diatonic Duo ~ '60s and '70s Local Alternatives
June 25	Zydeco Connection ~ Flavors of New Orleans, Locally
July 2	Dave Dersham ~ Local, Indie Folk and Rock
July 9	Chu Flute Duet ~ Red-hot Piping with a Classical Flare
July 16	The Breeze of Turquoise ~ World Music, Locally Played
July 23	K St. Sax Quartet ~ Eclectic Class from the Local Area
July 30	Moldovian Baptist Church Musicians ~ Multilingual Praise
August 6	Maria Siano ~ An evening of “Alternative Guitar”
August 13	ROMEOs ~ Barbershop at its local best

Where?	<i>On Gill Common. If the weather is yucky, concerts will be held in Gill Congregational Church.</i>
When?	<i>Summer Tuesday Evenings at 7:00.</i>
Cost?	<i>None, but Friends of Gill will sell refreshments at each concert!</i>
Why?	<i>Because Gill deserves lots of very good music.</i>
More info?	<i>Contact Steve at <demons_of_gill@yahoo.com></i>

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Slate Library News

Lots of fun events are taking place at Slate Memorial Library during the month of July.

The theme for this year's summer reading program is "Dig Into Reading!" Once again the library will host a variety of performances and programs for kids of all ages. All programs take place on Saturday mornings at 10:30 AM.

On Saturday, July 6, Creature Teachers will visit the library with their program "Diggin' Critters". Come learn about a variety of animals that dig, including skunks, woodchucks, burrowing snakes, and lizards.

On July 13, come dig into designing and creating your own hand-carved rubber stamp. We will use a variety of carving tools to create stamps of flowers, animals, and abstract designs that may be printed on cards, wrapping paper, and stationary.

On July 20, the library will host a program entitled "Drawing Botanicals with Pen and Ink". We will use flora from local gardens and explore drawing with pens and colored inks. Spend a relaxing morning at the library drawing flowers, ferns, pods, and leaves. Dig into a new hobby!

And finally, on July 27, Talking Hands Theater presents "A Midsummer Night's Remix"! What better way to introduce Shakespeare than through puppets? For beauty and magic in the morning, come watch this family friendly show on the grassy lawn at Slate Library!

We welcome new families and old friends to Slate. May you keep reading all summer long!

Gill Elementary School News

Another year has flown by at the Gill School with many spring activities for students and the community. A damp but precipitation-free Saturday in early May saw the annual carnival with games, food, and things that move. Thank you to the Gill Highway, Police and Fire Departments for bringing working vehicles for students to explore. Thank you also to the Zilinskis for bringing a race car to inspire many of our young students.



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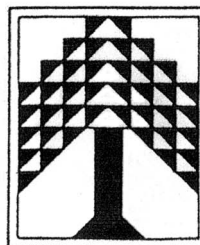
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The Gill School benefits from parental support in many ways from providing some of the needed student supplies to supporting teachers' requests to help with special class events. The PTO sponsors field trips and classroom materials for special projects as well as MCAS snacks and teacher appreciation. We are very fortunate to have an active PTO and community support for the students at Gill. Thank you.

Many special events have been shared among students and parents these last couple of weeks. The second grade performed plays about Ben Franklin and How the Chipmunk Got Its Stripes complete with costumes on our stage. Kindergarten authors read their illustrated stories at the Kindergarten Tea. Each story presented verbal and pictorial images of a character such as a farmer with a problem. This farmer had his chores mixed up—feed the seeds to the sheep and milk the ducks. The farmer's dad tried to help, but the farmer would hear none of his advice. The farmer's mom, on the other hand, had the farmer's ear, and with the same advice, helped to get chores done right. The lesson of this story was to listen to your mother! At Northfield Mountain, the third grade participated in the pond study and back at school presented habitat projects. The fourth grade hatched salmon eggs and released the frye into Dry Brook. Fifth graders started a new tradition of a trip to Boston; they visited the Boston Tea Party Museum and the Freedom Trail. They also climbed Mount Monadnock after having gotten in shape with a walk-a-thon fundraiser.

The after-school ACT program wrote and presented to the public at the Town Hall their performance titled "The Glass Mountain. The acting punctuated the play's humor and fast-moving dilemma of helping the princess do magic. All enjoyed a magical and inspiring night.

Gill graduated 27 students from the fifth and sixth grades on June 14. Several students gave moving speeches thanking parents and staff and sharing reminiscences. Each grade gave gifts to the graduates. For example, the third grade made duct tape wallets to hold future fortunes; the first graders made and presented beaded paper

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cranes with hopes and dreams inside. Each student received a personal award and was presented a diploma designed by a fifth grader. The fourth grade designed the program, and staff and parents decorated the stage with flowers. Each year the students challenge the staff and their parents to a softball game—and this year they won—but time was shortened a bit because we all enjoyed a dance choreographed and performed by sixth grade girls. As this is being written, the entire school is enjoying a PTO sponsored presentation by No Strings Marionette Company that encourages everyone to go explore over summer.

In closing, we say good-bye to Steve Baskowski who is retiring after enriching Gill students' hearts and minds for 29 years. Joanne Flagg departs for a shift to middle school teaching. In their places, we welcome Jason Eaton, a native to this area, returns from living and teaching in Tennessee; Lacy Pittelli comes from recently teaching in Whately. Jason will be our new sixth grade teacher and Lacy, our new fourth grade teacher. Both teachers hold master degrees in education and have strong experience in the classroom.

We wish everyone a safe and relaxing summer and look forward to opening our doors in the fall as we embark on another journey together in growing and learning among friends.

HONORS For Gill Students Third Quarter

Pioneer Valley Regional High School

Grade 12

Highest Honors: Jaclyn Lafleur
High Honors: Kaylyn Tognarelli and Jennifer Tufano

Grade 10

High Honors: Malcolm Crosby
Honors: James Elliott and Cole Tognarelli

Grade 9

High Honors: Julia Wallace
Honors: Bradley Hastings

Grade 8

Highest Honors: Sophie Margola

Grade 7

Highest Honors: Max van Baaren

Turners Falls High School

Grade 12

First Honors: Timothy Meyer, Brittany Rawson and Emily Robertson
Second Honors: Katelyn Dodge, Bethany Laramie and Brittany York
Third Honors: Nala Vaughn

Grade 11

First Honors: Elliott Bertini Franseen

Grade 10

First Honors: Spencer Hubert and Alexander Morin
Second Honors: Zachary Demars and Nicholas York
Third Honors: Jessica Gaines and Stephanie Robertson

Grade 9

First Honors: Krystal Cloutier and Mackenzie Phillips
Second Honors: Nadia Hasan

Great Falls Middle School

Grade 8

First Honors: Gabrielle Arzuaga, Tahner Castine, Bryn Kruzlic, Kaili Lynch and Kate Sprankle

Second Honors: Nicholas Morin and Jeremy Wolfram
Third Honors: Robert Rinaldi

Grade 7

First Honors: Daniel Adams and Kyle Kucenski
Second Honors: David Tricolici and John Wheeler

Grade 6

First Honors: Reilan Castine

DEAN'S LISTS

Sarah Underwood was named Benjamin Virgilio was named to the Spring Dean's List at Champlain College, Burlington, Vt. He is majoring in computer networking and information security.

GRADUATIONS

Franklin County Technical School

Programming and Web Design: Aaron Milewski

Machine Tool Technology: Steven Gaines who received the Most Improved Student in Machine Technology Award

Carpentry: Abigayle Virgilio who received the John & Abiligail Adams Scholarship

Cosmetology: Leslie Kozma who received the Friends of Gill Bernice Keech Scholarship and Most Improved in English Award

Pioneer Valley Regional High School


2013 graduates from Gill were Jaclyn Lafleur, Kaylyn Tognarelli and Jennifer Tufano.



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Jaclyn Lafleur received an award for Excellence in Personal Money Management, a John and Abigail Adams Scholarship for MCAS-ELA and Math Mastery, a Silver "P" Award from the National Honor Society, the Makenzie Goode Memorial Athletic Scholarship, and a Fred W. Wells Fund Scholarship.

Kaylyn Tognarelli was recognized for her Outstanding Service to the Main Office, a Pioneer Valley Regional School Scholarship, and a Fred W. Wells Fund Scholarship.

Jennifer Tufano received a PVRs National Honor Society Scholarship, an award for Outstanding Effort in Art, the Friends of Gill Scholarship, and a Fred W. Wells Fund Scholarship.

Turners Falls High School

2013 graduates are Katelyn Dodge, Ceara Dolhenty, Shawn Englehardt, Bethany Laramie, Jonathan Marguet, Timothy Meyer, Emily Robertson, Nala Vaughn, and Brittany York.

Katelyn Dodge was a National Honor Society member and received a Gill-Montague Education Association Enrichment Scholarship and the Woman's Club of Turners Falls Scholarship.

Bethany Laramie received a President's Award for Academic Achievement, the Academic Excellence in Film Editing Award, an American Citizenship Award, the Franklin County Rotary Club Scholarship, and the Harriet A. Tidd Memorial Scholarship.

Timothy Meyer was a National Honor Society member and received a President's Award for Academic Excellence, Scholastic Merit Award, the Marston Baseball Award, Brian Bogusz Athletic Scholarship, Mery O'Brian Memorial Scholarship, St. Stanislaus Society Scholarship, and Wells Trust Fund Scholarship.

Emily Robertson received a Turners Falls high School Pride Award.

Nala Vaughn was a National Honor Society member and received the Everald Kane Zeno Nursing Scholarship, the Fred R. Whitcomb Scholarship, and the Most Valuable Players Award for Girls' Soccer.

Brittany York received a Brian Bogusz Athletic Scholarship and the Turners Falls All-Sports Booster Scholarship.



Northfield Mount Hermon

Graduates from Gill were Tucker Emery, Emily Messer, Luke Poulson, Ke Wang, and Raleigh Yates.

Tucker Emery received the Alice B. and John E. Baldwin Award, and Ke Wang received the Joseph T. Elliott Jr. Prize in Music.

Greenfield Community College

Class of 2013 graduates from Gill with associate's degrees are Mariah L. Black, Kyle M. Dargis, Makayla L. Dolhenty, MacKae E. Freeland, Parker Manning and Jason R. Raymond.

If you are a Gill student who has not been included in this list, please let us know so that we may commend you in the future.

Gill Historical Commission

The Gill Historical Commission (GHC) meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 5:30 PM in the Riverside Municipal Building on Route 2. The Commission is charged with planning for the preservation of historical sites and records within Gill. In addition to gaining a nomination to the National Register for the center of town, the Commission maintains records and artifacts of Gill history in the Riverside municipal building. If you have information or questions about Gill and its history, please contact Kit Carpenter,

Bev Demars, Stuart Elliott, Lynda Hodsdon Mayo, Pam Shoemaker, or Ivan Ussach. In this issue of the newsletter we are sharing some excerpts for June and July from the Myrtle Jones Diary.

MYRTLE LEONA JONES DIARY FROM RIVERSIDE SECTION OF GILL

16 YEARS, 1905.

Transcribed by Kathy Litchfield

Sun. Apr. 2

A nice but quite windy day. Mamma and Mabel went to church. Papa put in a window light for Mrs. Parke. Mrs. Dora Burrows called and made a nice little visit. Olive Atkins and Arthur Lonsberry were married last evening.

Mon. June 26

A circus in Greenfield to-day. A pretty fair day but this afternoon the wind blew something terrible. Emilia Ruth and Mabelle Strahan called. & Ruth C. This evening Mabel went with Mabelle S., Emma Spencer & Viola Tibbetts, up to Gates Tuttle's house as they got a birthday surprise party on him. Gates was 21 years old. Just a few there but had a pretty good time. Lester Tibbetts drove them home. Got here about twelve o'clock. This morning we had quite a hard thunder shower and mamma got up early to go to Springfield with Miss Whithed, from Greenfield. But mamma's missed the first electric so did not get the train in time. (bad luck). Did a little trading in Greenfield.

Tues. June 27.

A pretty good day. Mamma worked at the store and papa went to Gill. Quite a cool day. Annie Loveland called and brought me some roses. Ethel and Emma Spencer, Dottie P. Ruth Corven were our callers to-day. Mabelle S. also.

Thurs. June 29

A fine day. Had several callers to-day. Elva Bickford Mrs. Jason Brown, Ruth C., Ethel S. This eve—Lyman Hale called again as there was some things here for him and he stopped awhile. Papa cleaned out the water closet this eve. A letter from Grandma Jones. Viola T. & Fanny C. called also—Graduation Exercises at the High School but none of us went. Alice Connelly, Rosetta Banguly (sp?)—Welch & Walter Ray are the graduates.

Fri. June 30

A lovely day and evening. Mabel took me out this evening and I had a fine time. Annie L. asked Mabel and I and Millie Ruth over there to-morrow afternoon. The Class Day Ex. At the High School out doors was this afternoon but none of us went. Fanny C. and Miss Whithed, Ruth C. & Freda H. were here awhile. I received another sweet and lovely letter from Nellie C. Nicols to-night.

Sun. July 2.

A cloudy day. Rained a little. Mamma and Mabel went to church and toward night papa and mamma walked up to Grandma's. While they were gone Mr. Tom Brown a logmen that used to board here about four years ago called on us. He is on the drive now. There are about 150 logmen here now and



lots of business doing there. Freda H. and Dottie Ruth called. I wrote three letters to Love's Messenger "Shut-ins—

Mon. July 3.

A lovely day. Mamma worked at the store. This evening Tom Brown called ago—Ruth had some pretty fire works to-night. Freda H. Mabelle S. & Dottie R. were here. Mary H. & Annie Redling & Millie Ruth were here also.

Tues. July 4

A lovely day and fine for the Fourth. Ruth people had some more fine firework and we sat out awhile and watched them and other works. Mamma has quite a cold she caught last eve and to-night she doesn't feel very well. We made some ice cream and it tasted pretty good. Freda H. & Ernestine Ruth called.

Wed. July 5

A lovely day. Mamma did not sleep good last night and she is sick with malaria I guess. She laid abed all morning and in P.M. until a little before four o'clock. Feels little better this eve. Ruth Cowan came over and Alice Connelly too. This morning. Will LeVitre called this evening.

Thurs. July 6

A nice day. Mamma went to the store and papa worked here making steps or cutting out the sides etc. Mamma is feeling better to-night. Ruth Cowan was here and I received a letter from Isabel.

Sat. July 8

A very warm day. Mamma worked at the store this evening papa went to a

Town Meeting in Gill. We had several callers. Mrs. Cowan and Ruth Elva Bickford & Marion Tuttle & Emilia Ruth were here.

Tues. July 11

A nice and warm day. Mabel came home this morning. From grandma's. This afternoon Mabel took me down to Bessie Clarks and I had a nice time. We went in Mrs. Cowan's yard afterward and she brought out the framed picture of Ruth to show us. It is fine. Bessie C. & Emilia R. were here awhile. Papa went to Gill and he staid in the eve there to a committee meeting of some sort.

Thurs. July 13

A nice day and a fine breeze. Had a little thunder shower this afternoon. Mamma worked at the store this P.M. and papa worked here. Alice Connelly and Ruth Cowan were our company to-day. Also Emilia Ruth. I was weighed yesterday on the hay scales, in my wheel-chair and I weighed 250 lbs. in it.

Fri. July 14

A nice day. Rained a little this afternoon and had a thunder shower this eve. Papa went to Gill. Our company to-day was Alice C. Emma Spencer and Ruth Cowan. Had my wheelchair weighed and it weighed sixty two so I only weigh 188 lbs. Quite a monster aren't I!

Mon. July 17

A nice day. Mamma went to the doctors office this afternoon and had her leg fitted for an elastic stocking. Mabel made some ice cream. We had lot of visitors to-day. This afternoon Alice C. & Margaret & Esther Merriam

and Mrs. Merriam's sister, Miss Reed called and this evening Bessie Clarke, Emma S., Freda H., Mrs. Cowan & Ruth, & Mrs. Wright & her boy Ralph & Clifford called. Had a musical eve. Papa played on his violin with Bessie at the piano.

Wed. July 19

A nice day with little thunder shower this afternoon. Our callers to-day were Emma S., Emilia R. & Ruth Cowan. The Cong. S-School's had their picnic at Lake Pleasant but Mabel didn't go.

Fri. July 21

A fine day. Nice & cool but this evening was very cool. The first Band Concert was at the Falls this evening and mamma Mabel & I went. Mamma got her rubber stocking to-day. Emilia R. Freda H. Dottie R. & Ruth Cowan were here awhile. I received two souvenir postals, one from Lake Pleasant from Mrs. W. Johnson and one from W. Springfield from Bessie Holcomb.

Sat. July 22

A nice day. Mamma worked at the store. This eve Emilia & Dottie R. called. When we went to bed to-night Mabel staid up and took a bath first and she didn't get to bed before twelve o'clock. She thought she heard a little noise but everything seemed to be all right until about between one and two o'clock. I woke up and heard someone at our bedroom window. I spoke but they kept on soon after and then I spunked up courage to say "What did I say, get right away from there quick" and then all was still for they or whoever it was went away. We all got up and were quite frightened for our blinds had been shut and tied stout



to-gether with string and the blinds we found were open then and so evidently someone tried to get in. Gives us quite a scare.

Sun. July 23

A nice day. Mamma and Mabel went to church. And papa played on his violin with me on the piano. No one called. Mamma & papa slept on bed-lounge in parlor and we kept a light burning in our room all night. Want a light every night now. I Pray Dear Lord that no one will ever try to get in our house again.

Thurs. July 27

A lovely day. Mamma worked at the store and papa worked here a little while. Ruth C., Alice Connelly and Emilia R. called. Toward night Mabel complained of a stomach ache and she felt pretty mean. She vomited after while and she felt better. Nettie Jamison has been married most two weeks now. Ben did not work to-day.

Fri. July 28

A beautiful day. Papa went to Gill and staid here in the evening to a meeting about schools at the Town Hall. Mamma worked at the store and Ben did not work. Band Concert to-night but we couldn't go very well on account of papa being away. Emilia R., Dottie R., Ruth C & Rev. Mr. F N. Merriam called.



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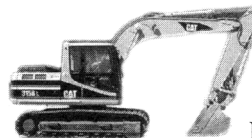


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